

REMARKS

The Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2003. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14, and 22-24 were rejected. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 15-21 and 25-26.

Claims 1-21 were originally presented. Claims 22-26 were added by a previous amendment. Claims 4 and 13 were canceled by a previous amendment. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14, and 22-24 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 15-21 and 25-26 remain as previously presented. New claims 27-32 have been added. The new claims present, in dependent form, subject matter that was originally included in claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 14, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sydor in view of Albright. The Applicant has canceled the rejected claims in view of the Examiner's allowance of the remaining claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 27-32 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowed base claim (claim 15).

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 15-21 and 25-32 are now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call David R. McKinney at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

DATED this 17th day of December, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. McKinney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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